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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE

FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE ON NEW YORK TIMES STORY ON
PUBLIC TELEVISION DEBATE OVER TIMERMAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS
IN ARGENTINA. SUBJECT WAS NOT RAISED AT NOON BRIEFING OF
JUNE 29.

2. Q: DID THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT PROTEST TO THE U. S.
ABOUT A TELEVISION DEBATE OVER HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARGENTINA?

A: OUR CHARGE D'AFFAIRES WAS CALLED IN TO DISCUSS
EXPRESSIONS OF ARGENTINE CONCERN OVER THE DEBATE IN THE
U. S. ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. THERE
WAS NO FORMAL PROTEST.

Q: CAN THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE
ALLEGATION MADE ON THAT PROGRAM THAT THERE ARE CONCENTRATION
CAMPS IN ARGENTINA?

THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS HAS A REGULAR PROGRAM OF
VISITS TO THOSE PEOPLE HELD IN JAIL UNDER OTHER THAN
CRIMINAL CHARGES. WE KNOW OF NO CONFIRMED REPORTS OF
UNACKNOWLEDGED PRISONERS HELD IN DETENTION CENTERS
AROUND THE COUNTRY.

Q: HAVEN'T THERE BEEN CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN THE PAST?

A: ON THE WHOLE SUBJECT OF THE PAST I REFER YOU TO THE
DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON ARGENTINA. HAIG

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/TPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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